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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if more than one name is listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

EXCISIONAL BIOPSY DEVICES AND METHODS

- ☒ Regular  
☐ Design Application

the specification of which:

- ☒ is attached hereto.  
☐ was filed on  
as application Serial No.

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- ☐ was described and claimed in International application  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information

- ☒ Which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56  
☒ and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and  
☐ In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

## PRIORITY CLAIM

☐ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

### PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

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*(Complete this part only if this is a continuing application.)*

☒ I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No. : 09/417,520

Filing Date : October 13, 1999

Status-patented, pending, abandoned: PENDING

☐ I hereby claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application Serial No. :

Filing Date :

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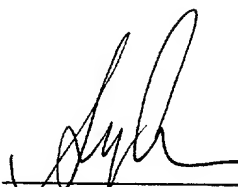
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